to be rehabilitated, were forwarded to the following organisations:—

Central Industrial Security Force	51
Railways	46
Postal Department	44
Telecom Department	46
Food Corporation of India	100
Central Warehousing Corpn.	25
Public Enterprises Department (For Public Sector Units)	35
TOTAL:	347

(ii) All the aforesaid organisations have issued call letters to the concerned persons and 288 persons have since been selected. Appointment letters have been issued to 161 persons and 69 of them have already joined.

(iii) Orders have been issued for the grant of ex-gratia assistance of Rs. 10,000/- to one dependent of each of the 71 Army deserters who were killed/missing and a sum of Rs. 7,10,000/- has been sanctioned to the Government of Punjab for disbursement to the concerned persons.

(iv) After granting remissions in their sentences, orders for the release of 13 more persons, who were undergoing imprisonment were issued on 28th June, 1990, by the Army authorities.

(v) The Government of Punjab have indicated that they would provide employment to one dependent each of the 71 Army deserters killed/missing.

Purchase of white printing paper from open market by Andhra Pradesh Government

3085. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government had purchased white printing paper from open market for Schools text books, exercise note books, examinations etc. due to short supply of paper by M/s. Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the loss suffered during the last two years;

(d) what is the difference between the rate of HPC and Open Market;

(e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to cover that amount from HPC and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government propose to invite any other Company for supply of papers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c)

The State Government including the State of Andhra Pradesh may make their own arrangements to meet the urgent requirements of paper especially since the subsidy scheme is not meant to meet 100 per cent requirements of paper.

(d) The Hindustan Paper Corporation supplies concessional white printing paper to the educational sector at Rs. 12,360 per MT (Rs. 7,560 plus Rs. 4,800 per MT as subsidy) for allotments upto March, 1990. The open market price varies from mill to mill and at the timing of purchase they are usually higher than the concessional rate.

(e) Presumably the Hon'ble Member refers to recovery of amount from Hindustan Paper Corporation. The scheme does not contemplate any recovery from the Corporation.

(f) There is no such proposal for the present.

Development of rescue systems for submarines

3086. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans under their consideration to develop rescue system in submarines used by Indian Navy in case of accidents;

(b) if so, since when the project has been going on; and

(c) whether any interim facilities have been developed in the absence of a proper rescue system in event of a submarine accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Indian Navy has plans to acquire a Submarine Rescue Vessel (SRV) in the place of an SRV which was recently decommissioned.

(b) Approval of the Government for this acquisition was accorded in March 1988.

(c) The Navy are presently using a Diving Support Vessel on dry charter from an indigenous shipyard, as an interim measure.

Tightening of security in Defence Security Zone

3087. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided in 1983-84 to tighten the security in Defence Security Zone; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to stop recurrence of such incidents particularly to avoid involvement of officers at senior level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) Review of various measures to tighten the security in Defence Security Zone is a constant and on-going exercise. Based on the experience gained in the implementation of existing arrangements, fresh instructions are issued from time to time. It would not be in the security interest to disclose details.

Entitlement of stenographic assistance to AFHQ Officers

3088. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scale of entitlement of stenographic assistance to AFHQ Officers was laid down by Government in February, 1988;

(b) if so, what purpose was sought to be achieved thereby;

(c) whether action to follow the aforesaid scale has been strictly taken by all the user HQ|Br|organs; and